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Disposition of CACARANA and FUELLBORN

1. At a regularly scheduled meeting on 16 March 1954, CARBONHYDRATE stated that FUELLBORN's mother had mentioned in passing that her son had received a sentence of 15 years in prison by virtue of having conducted espionage for the French. In this same trial held strictly in camera, CACARANA was sentenced to life imprisonment for his crimes against the state. Both men were to be transferred to Bautzen for the duration of their sentences.

2. CARBONHYDRATE observed that the information, minus names, had appeared in a West Berlin newspaper about 10 March 1954, and had also been broadcast over RIAS during the 0600 news presentation. It is not known how this information came to the attention of the press and radio in West Berlin.

3. Some time later, Mrs. FUELLBORN visited the state's attorneys in Potsdam and was told that her son's repentance and sincere regret for his ill-considered actions against the DDR had resulted in his receiving a sentence of only 15 years, whereas CACARANA persisted in his vitriolic diatribes against the regime, and stated coldly that he would behave in precisely the same fashion again should the opportunity ever present itself. His failure to be more progressive in his outlook resulted in the sentence of life imprisonment.

4. Such further data as may be forthcoming will be forwarded for the information of all concerned.

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